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EXAMINER: ROBERTSON, JEFFREY

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FOR: Curable Thermoplastic Elastomeric Blend, Method of Manufacture, and Use Thereof

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 09/27/2005, applicants submit amended claims beginning at page 2 and a remarks section beginning at page 7.

The amendment to independent claims 1, 7, 16, and 23 makes some editorial changes to punctuations and adds "vulcanizate rubber" to better define the claims.

The examiner's comments on IDS are noted. Because EP 0393409 has a US equivalent (US5,154,979), which was considered by the examiner, applicants do not intend to resubmit an IDS covering EP 0393409.